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HOUSE BILL NO. 529

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES CMN: (Constitutional Amendment) Adds members to the  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend and reenact Article IX, Section 7(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana,  
3 to provide relative to the membership of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries  
4 Commission; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of  
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to  
9 amend and reenact Article IX, Section 7(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana as follows:

10 §7. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

11 Section 7.(A) Members; Terms. The control and supervision of the wildlife  
12 of the state, including all aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and  
13 Fisheries Commission. The commission shall be in the executive branch and shall  
14 consist of ~~seven~~ nine members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation  
15 by the Senate. ~~Six~~ Eight members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, and  
16 one member shall serve a term concurrent with that of the governor. Three members  
17 shall be electors of the coastal parishes and representatives of the commercial fishing  
18 ~~and fur industries~~ industry, and ~~four shall be electors from the state at large other~~  
19 ~~than representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries, as provided by law.~~  
20 there shall be one member appointed from each Public Service Commission district.

1       and there shall be one member appointed from the state at large. No member who  
2       has served six years or more shall be eligible for reappointment.

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4           Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
5   to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2,  
6   2010.

7           Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election  
8   there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
9   to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall  
10 read as follows:

11 To add two members to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to be  
12 appointed by the governor for a total of nine members of the commission and  
13 to provide that the membership be as follows: three members who are  
14 electors of the coastal parishes and representatives of the commercial fishing  
15 industry, one member appointed from each of the Public Service  
16 Commission districts, and one member appointed from the state at large.  
17 (Amends Article IX, Section 7(A))

# DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds members to the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and provides relative to their appointment.

Present constitution creates the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and vests in it the control and supervision of all wildlife and aquatic life of the state. Provides that the commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Provides that six members serve overlapping terms of six years, and one member shall serve a term concurrent with that of the governor. Requires that three members be electors of the coastal parishes and representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries, and four be electors from the state at large other than representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries, as provided by law. Provides that no member who has served six years or more is eligible for reappointment. Provides that functions, duties, and responsibilities of the commission, and the compensation of its members, shall be provided by law.

Proposed law adds two members to the commission and provides that three members are electors of coastal parishes and represent the commercial fishing industry, one member is

to be appointed from each Public Service Commission district, and one member is to be appointed from the state at large.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. IX, §7(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Adds two members to the commission and provides that three members are electors of coastal parishes and represent the commercial fishing industry, one member is to be appointed from each Public Service Commission district, and one member is to be appointed from the state at large.